

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1.-9. (Cancelled).
10. (Previously Presented) A hydraulic unit for a hydraulic regulation device comprising several hydraulic, mechanical and electrically operable functional elements arranged at an accommodating member, comprising several pressure fluid channels interconnecting the functional elements and capable of providing a hydraulically switchable connection between at least one pressure fluid source and one pressure fluid consumer, as well as comprising a connection to a control device for actuating the functional elements, and comprising at least one cavity associated with at least one functional element and disposing of means for bleeding, the unit further comprising two connecting channels arranged as one through-bore through the accommodating member, the two connecting channels leading into an atmosphere and being provided with closing devices arranged opposite each other at opposite lateral surfaces of the accommodating member, which hinder the ingress of fluid into the cavity and allow ventilation of the cavity and a discharge of leakage fluid into the atmosphere.
11. (Previously Presented) The hydraulic unit as claimed in claim 10, wherein the closing devices principally adopt a closing position, and in that the closing devices alternately are movable into an open position.
12. (Previously Presented) The hydraulic unit as claimed in claim 10 wherein the closing devices principally adopt a closing position, and the closing devices alternately are movable into an open position, and wherein the closing devices are designed as non-return valves movable to adopt an open position as a result of a pressure difference between the cavity and the atmosphere.
13. (Currently Amended) A hydraulic unit for a hydraulic regulation device, comprising several hydraulic, mechanical and electrically operable functional elements arranged at an accommodating member, comprising several pressure fluid channels interconnecting

the functional elements and capable of providing a hydraulically switchable connection between at least one pressure fluid source and one pressure fluid consumer, as well as comprising a connection to a control device for actuating the functional elements, and comprising at least one cavity associated with at least one functional element and disposing of means for bleeding, and two connecting channels arranged as one through-bore through the accommodating member, the two connecting channels leading into the atmosphere and being provided with closing devices, which hinder the ingress of fluid into the cavity and allow ventilation of the cavity and a discharge of leakage fluid into the atmosphere, the closing devices being arranged opposite each other at opposite lateral surfaces of the accommodating member, wherein one of said closing devices ~~a closing device~~ opening in the direction of the cavity is associated with one of said connecting channels so that pressure compensation in the cavity takes place due to the passage of atmospheric air, and wherein associated with ~~the~~ a second connecting channel is another of said closing devices opening ~~a closing device which opens~~ in the direction of the ~~an~~ atmosphere and through which air and/or leakage fluid is discharged into the atmosphere.

14. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic unit as claimed in claim 13, wherein an air-permeable and fluid-impermeable diaphragm is associated with ~~the~~ said closing device ~~of the first connecting channel~~ opening in the direction of the cavity.
15. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic unit as claimed in claim 13, having an air-permeable and fluid-impermeable diaphragm which is associated with ~~the~~ said closing device opening in the direction of the cavity of the first connecting channel, wherein the air-permeable and fluid-impermeable diaphragm is arranged in front of ~~the~~ said closing device opening in the direction of the cavity of the first connecting channel in the forward direction.
16. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic unit as claimed in claim 15, wherein the air-permeable and fluid-impermeable diaphragm in combination with ~~the~~ said closing device opening in the direction of the cavity of the first connecting channel is provided as a modular unit and is attached to a component of the hydraulic unit.

17. (Previously Presented) The hydraulic unit as claimed in claim 10, wherein the connecting channels open into accommodating bores for the closing devices, and in that the closing devices are inserted into the accommodating bores in a form-fit or frictionally engaged manner.

18. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic unit as claimed in claim 13, wherein the said closing device opening in the direction of the atmosphere comprises a diaphragm and is positioned at the accommodating member in such a fashion that a weight of a defined quantity of accumulated leakage fluid invokes an opening movement of the diaphragm.